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### Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

#### SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING SPECIFIER AND SUPPLIER COMMUNICATIONS

the specification of which (*check one*)

- ☐ is attached hereto; or
- ☒ was filed on October 23, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/047,717 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable); or

#### PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE

- ☐ was described and claimed in International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that it contains a full, clear, concise and exact description of the subject matter for which a patent is sought.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

#### Prior Application(s)

☐ (Check if applicable) I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119, by checking the box(es) below, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

##### Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Claimed?	
(Number)	(Country)	Day/month/year filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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☐ (Check if applicable) I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, and this Declaration, Power of Attorney, and this Petition.

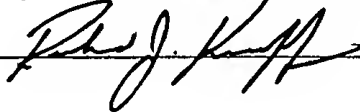
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☐ (Check if applicable) I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I/I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s)

(Application Serial No.)

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☐ (Check if applicable) In this continuation-in-part application, insofar as the subject matter of any of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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